

REMARKS

Applicants have amended Claims 19 (on which Claim 20 depends) and 24 in order to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, second part paragraph rejection as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

Also, Applicants have amended Claim 22 in order to overcome Examiner's rejection as having insufficient antecedent basis.

Applicants added Claims 27-30.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the assertion by the Examiner that a transportation pass claimed in Claim 23 can refer to 'the commonly held frequent flier card held by most frequent fliers'.

ARGUMENTS

The amended and added Claims represent no new matter since they are fully supported by the original specification.

Applicants believe that the amended and added Claims are novel and non-obvious with respect to any known prior art or combination thereof.

A transportation pass as described (see, e.g., page 4 of the specification), as commonly known at the time of the invention, and as used in the invention enable a traveler to directly make use of a certain transportation system. At closest, a frequent flyer card enables a passenger to exchange certain earned credits (accumulated by e.g., using a particular transportation carrier) that are associated with the card in return for a transportation pass. Applicants point out that the transportation pass can, under certain circumstances, be combined for other uses and, e.g., be used for the enabling of accumulation of this type of credits.

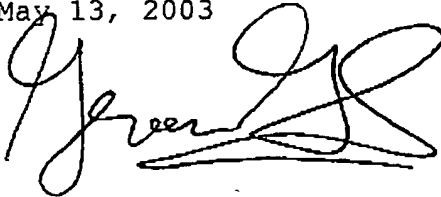
Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

Applicants respectfully submits that they have answered all issues raised by the Examiner and that the application is accordingly in condition for allowance. Such allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

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